Upgrading Hyderabad Airport

1610. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Hyderabad Airport as an International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing international airports are sufficient to cater to current traffic needs.

Expansion of air net work in Karnataka

1611. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka wrote to the Central Government during 1989 regarding the necessity of expanding air net work in the State; and

(b) if so, what action Government proposes to take on this request?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to expand its network in Karnataka at the present juncture.

बम्बई के सहार हवाई अड्डे के नाम में परिवर्तन

1612. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बम्बई सहार हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदलकर "छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज" हवाई अड्डा करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव काफी समय से सरकार के पास लंबित पड़ा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कोई अंतिम निर्णय न लिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में कोई निर्णय कब तक ले लिया जाएगा ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री श्री (माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Vayudoot owe Rs. 25 lakhs to Royal Nepal Airlines

1613. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Vayudoot Limited owes Rs. 25 lakhs to the Royal Nepal Airlines;

(b) if so, whether this debt had been guaranteed by Government of India; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to settle these dues so as to restore the credit worthiness of the nation's third airliner?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Vayudoot owes approximately Rs. 40.00 lakhs to Royal Nepal Airlines.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Vayudoot proposes to pay up the outstanding amount in instalments.

Setting up of Duty Free Shops at Ports in Kanyakumari

1614. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up Duty-free shops at Chinna Muttam Port or Colachal Port in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu to boost tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when this will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Companies to run Duty Free Shops

1615. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Airports Authority of India has floated in International Tender to offer Duty Free Shops to Foreign Companies;

(b) if so, whether a proposal has been received from ITC-Scotts/Weihner to run Duty Free Shops;

(c) whether Government has looked into the financial status of these companies to determine their viability; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are aware that both these companies are defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Eligible Indian and foreign companies were free to participate in this Global Tender.

(b) M/s. Scotts Holdings Pvt. Limited in collaboration with M/s. ITC and M/s. State Trading Corporation of India alongwith M/s. Weitnaur were among the tendering firms.

(c) International Airports Authority of India who had floated the tenders had considered the eligibility of these companies. This being a commercial issue, the Ministry is not involved in processing the tenders.

(d) No, Sir.

Introduction of Mahalucky Rajah Scheme

1616. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has introduced Mahalucky Rajah Scheme for the Air India passengers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how far the scheme has succeeded?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Passengers travelling on Air India and on tickets purchased in India during the period from 20th of September to 30th of November, 1991 were covered under the scheme. Winners were entitled to free tickets to certain destinations on the Air India network.

(c) The scheme was launched during Air India's lean period with an objective to enhance the visibility of Air India amongst the passengers. This objective was achieved.